

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 908

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. William J. Strang, Jr.,  
longtime principal of Hobgood School in  
Murfreesboro, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those educators who have given unreservedly of their time and talents for the benefit of this state's most precious natural resource, our children; and

WHEREAS, one such admirable person is Dr. William J. Strang, Jr. who has served with distinction as principal of Hobgood School in Murfreesboro since 1985; and

WHEREAS, prior to entering the field of education, Dr. Bill Strang worked as a seismic analyst for United Geophysical Company, and as a laboratory analyst for Texas United States Chemical Company. He also sold Volkswagen cars and trucks in Nashville and served in the United States Army where he taught repair in the Army Artillery Radio School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Strang earned his Bachelors degree in Geology from Lamar University in 1955, his Masters degree in School Administration and Mathematics from the University of Alabama in 1968, and his Doctorate degree in Elementary Education and Curriculum and Research in 1972. His excellent dissertation was entitled "The Self-Concepts of Children in Elementary Schools With Differing Proportions of Negro and White Students"; and

WHEREAS, he began his outstanding teaching career in 1959 in Nederland, Texas, where he taught 8th grade Math and Science before moving to Port Neches, Texas where he taught the same. In 1969, Dr. Strang went back to the University of Alabama as a graduate

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assistant where he expertly taught Methods classes in elementary science and supervised student teachers; and

WEHREAS, in 1972, Dr. Strang came to Middle Tennessee State University as an assistant professor in Elementary Math, Science and Evaluation. By 1978, he was directing the Division of Liberal Arts at Motlow State Community College. From there, he returned to the Middle Tennessee State University campus as an assistant professor responsible for supervising student teachers; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Middle Tennessee State University, Dr. Strang was selected to serve on the Rutherford County School Board. He later became the Director of the Chapter I Program for the Rutherford County Schools (a federal program targeting the instructional needs of educationally disadvantaged children). He next served the Rutherford County Schools as assistant principal at Central Middle School; and

WHEREAS, he was selected to serve the Murfreesboro City Schools as principal of Hobgood School in January of 1985. During his 13 years at Hobgood, Dr. Strang has endeared himself to the Hobgood community by demonstrating his commitment to the well-being of children, working cooperatively with parents and amassing and supporting a staff of teachers and other personnel who are uniquely dedicated to the developmental, instructional and emotional needs of children with special emphasis on those who are educationally disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize Dr. William J. Strang, Jr. on his 36 years of valuable contributions to the educational process; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Dr. William J. Strang, Jr. our deepest appreciation and best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

